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1. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED BY LENGTHENING DELAY IN SAG RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON SWAPO ARRESTS (REF C). LATEST DFA RESPONSE (REF A) PROVIDES LITTLE HOPE THAT AN EARLY RESPONSE CAN BE EXPECTED. GIVEN PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN OVER ARRESTS, WE FEEL EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RELAX ITS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION.

2. AS FOLLOW-UP ACTION DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT EMBASSY, UNLESS IT PERCEIVES OBJECTIONS, SHOULD PROMPTLY SUBMIT NOTE TO DFA FORMALLY REQUESTING THE INFORMATION. NOTE SHOULD COVER ESSENTIALLY SAME GROUND AS AMBASSADOR'S ORAL PRESENTATION ON FEB. 22. SUBMISSION OF NOTE WOULD BE CLEAR INDICATION THAT USG NOT PREPARED TO DROP THIS INTER-NATIONAL ISSUE AND ALSO REFLECT OUR PLEDGE TO HOUSE
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SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA AT APRIL 4 NAMIBIAN HEARING THAT

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USG WOULD CONTINUE ITS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO GAIN INFORMA-
TION.

3. IF EMBASSY HAS ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS ON FURTHER STEPS
THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN ON THIS ISSUE THEY WOULD BE WELCOME.
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